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Mr. David Veights
EA Project Manager
Metrolinx Rapid Transit Implementation
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Dear Mr. Veights:

Thank you for submitting your Notice of Environmental Project Report Addendum for Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit (LRT) project which is following the transit project assessment process under *Ontario Regulation 231/08 – Transit Projects and Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Undertakings* (Transit Regulation) on October 18, 2013.

The ministry received two objections to the Environmental Project Report Addendum. Concerns raised by the objectors are related to air and noise pollution resulting from potential increases in traffic in the Mount Dennis neighbourhood west of Weston Road, if certain sections of the LRT are constructed aboveground; and noise and vibration from the LRT vehicles and traffic on manufacturing equipment. You were given an opportunity to comment on the objections and the ministry considered your response. The ministry has completed its review and I wish to inform you that I am of the opinion that the proposed changes to the transit project will not have a negative impact on matters of provincial importance related to the natural environment or to a cultural heritage value or interest or have a negative impact on a constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty right. As such, you may now proceed with changes to the Eglinton Crosstown LRT project in accordance with the applicable Environmental Project Report Addendum.

Attached is a signed copy of the Notice to Allow a Change to a Transit Project in Accordance with an Addendum issued in accordance with the Transit Regulation.

You are responsible for implementing the project in accordance with the Environmental Project Report Addendum, including the errata letter dated December 6, 2013. Given that you indicated you would amend the Environmental Project Report Addendum specific places to address certain concerns, I also expect you will be providing revised individual pages of the Addendum to all agencies, individuals and public viewing locations which were provided with copies of the Addendum previously within 30 days of this notice and post a revised version of the Environmental Project Report Addendum on your project web site.

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Lastly, I would like to ensure that you understand that failure to comply with the provisions of the *Environmental Assessment Act* or its regulations is an offence and may result in prosecution under section 38 of the Act. I am confident that you recognize the importance and value of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and will ensure that the requirements of the Act and the Transit Regulation are satisfied.

Should you require further assistance please contact Lorna Zappone, Special Project Officer of the Environmental Approvals Branch, at 416-314-7106 or by e-mail at lorna.zappone@ontario.ca.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Bradley". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jim Bradley
Minister

Attachment(s)

**MINISTER'S NOTICE TO ALLOW A
CHANGE TO A TRANSIT PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH
AN ADDENDUM**

Ontario Regulation 231/08


CLAUSE 15(11)(a)

RE: Proponent: Metrolinx

Project Description: Addendum to the Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit (LRT) environmental project report submitted to the Ministry of the Environment on March 11, 2010, for which a Notice to Proceed was issued on May 17, 2010. The proposed physical changes include consolidation of two surface stops (Weston and Black Creek) into one new underground LRT station (Mount Dennis), new facilities: Black Creek Maintenance and Storage Facility and a 15-bay bus terminal at the Mount Dennis LRT station; a new passenger tunnel connection; and a new LRT bridge over Black Creek, and revised LRT mainline alignment and connection to the Black Creek Maintenance and Storage Facility.

In accordance with clause 15(11)(a) of Ontario Regulation 231/08 under the *Environmental Assessment Act*, I hereby give notice allowing Metrolinx to change the Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit project in accordance with the addendum to the Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit environmental project report submitted to the Ministry of the Environment on October 18, 2013, including the errata letter dated December 6, 2013.

Dated the 12th day of December, 2013 at TORONTO.



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